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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 610
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Monterey High School Linebacker Kennedy Cooper upon being named to the Tennessee Sportswriters Class A All-State Football Team for 2001.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate for this General Assembly to honor those exceptional young people who display diligence, determination and exceptional skill in the realm of athletics; and

WHEREAS, Monterey High School Linebacker Kennedy Cooper has shown such athletic skill and achievement, and has been named to the Tennessee Sportswriters Class A All-State Football team; and

WHEREAS, Kennedy Cooper is the first player in the history off Monterey High School football to earn All-State honors; and

WHEREAS, during the 2001 season, Kennedy Cooper's exceptional skills at linebacker resulted in him making 132 tackles and four fumble recoveries, from which he totaled 50 yards in fumble returns; and

WHEREAS, Kennedy Cooper compiled numerous honors throughout the 2001 season, including being named to the All-Region 4-1A team and receiving the Upper Cumberland Defensive Player of the Year Award; and

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WHEREAS, his leadership qualities were evident on the field, as he was voted Defensive Team Captain by his teammates for the second consecutive year, and he led the Wildcats to their second successive TSSAA playoff berth; and

WHEREAS, Kennedy Cooper provided outstanding leadership off the field by serving the community of Monterey in various capacities; and

WHEREAS, Kennedy Cooper, despite his many individual accolades, remains humble, putting the needs and concerns of his teammates and others above his own; and

WHEREAS, Kennedy Cooper displays his unswerving commitment to the time-honored values of integrity, humility, and diligence in his everyday life; and

WHEREAS, not only does Kennedy Cooper excel in athletics, but he is also a proficient and dedicated scholar, consistently making the Honor Roll at Monterey High School; and

WHEREAS, not only is Kennedy Cooper an outstanding athlete, but he is also a young man of exceptional character; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee takes great pride in the outstanding combination of athletic ability and sterling character embodied by Kennedy Cooper; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Monterey High School Linebacker Kennedy Cooper upon being named to the Tennessee Sportswriters Class A All-State Football Team for 2001 and wish him well in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for Kennedy Cooper with this final clause omitted from such copy.